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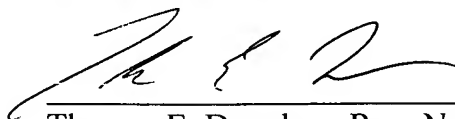
In the Office Action of October 4, 2006, claim 20 was objected to for an informality. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Heimnick et al (US 4,619,478). Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ramanujam (US 5,967,594). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heimnick et al. Claims 9, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heimnick in view of Poertzgen (5,154,264). The Examiner, however, recognized the present of allowable subject matter in claims 11, 14, and 15.

Respectfully, the Applicant has amended all the limitations of claims 11 into independent claim 1 including the limitations of dependent claim 10. Claim 14 and claim 15 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations underlying. Independent claims 11 and 19 have been rewritten to include the allowable limitations found in claim 11. Claim 20 has been amended to remove the objection.

The Applicant has added no new matter to the application by these amendments. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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